

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 98-016-S - ORDER NO. 98-536

JULY 14, 1998

IN RE: Petition of Midlands Utility, Inc. for a) ORDER GRANTING
Declaratory Order concerning Service to) REQUEST FOR LEAVE
Gordon Amick Property, West Columbia.) TO TAKE DEPOSITION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Gordon L. Amick, the Respondent in the instant proceeding, for leave to take the deposition of Charles B. Parnell, President of Midlands Utility, Inc.

The instant proceeding is before the Commission by way of a Petition for a Declaratory Order filed by Midlands Utility, Inc. ("Midlands" or "Petitioner"). Respondent Amick states in his request to take depositions that the deposition is necessary to prepare for the hearing scheduled in this matter. Petitioner Midlands filed a response to Amick's request stating that Midlands had reached an agreement concerning the taking and scheduling of depositions.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission finds that the request to take depositions should be approved. The parties have reached an agreement concerning the taking and scheduling of depositions, and neither party objects to the taking of depositions.

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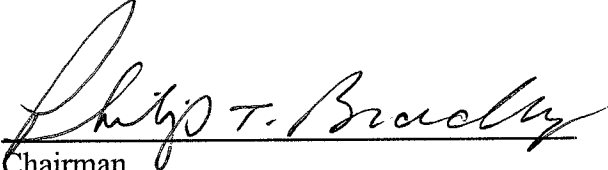
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of Amick to take the deposition of Charles B. Parnell, President of Midlands Utility, Inc. is granted. Further, based upon the agreement of the parties regarding the taking of depositions, the depositions of both Mr. Parnell and Mr. Amick will be scheduled for July 13, 1998.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

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